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REMARKS

Claims 6, 21 and 23 have been canceled.

Claim 22 is the sole remaining claim, which the Examiner has indicated to be allowed.

The Examiner rejected claims 6, 21 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Ahotupa et al. (US 6,451,849; the '849 patent) in view of Morikawa et al. (*J Pharm Pharmacol* 44:859-861, 1992). The cancellation of these claims obviates this rejection, and its withdrawal is requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and early notice of allowance are requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to expedite allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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